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Fig. 1 is a front view of a fastening system including a male component and a female component prior to engagement;

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of one embodiment of the fastening system taken along line 1-1 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of another embodiment of the fastening system taken along line 1-1 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view of yet another embodiment of the fastening system taken along line 1-1 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view of still another embodiment of the fastening system taken along line 1-1 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a front view of the fastening system of Fig. 1 showing a first step of unfastening the system;

Fig. 7 is a front view of the fastening system of Fig. 1 showing a second step of unfastening the system;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of a diaper including the fastening system of the invention;

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of a training pant including the fastening system of the invention;

Fig. 10 is an upside-down perspective view of a feminine hygiene product including the fastening system of the invention;

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of an incontinence product including the fastening system of the invention;

Fig. 12 is a perspective view of a swimwear garment including the fastening system of the invention; and

Fig. 13 is a perspective view of a medical garment including the fastening system of the invention.

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This fastening system is particularly suitable for use on disposable absorbent articles. Examples of such suitable articles include diapers (Fig. 8), training pants (Fig. 9), feminine hygiene products (Fig. 10), incontinence products

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(Fig. 11), swimwear (Fig. 12), other personal care or health care garments, including medical garments (Fig. 13), or the like.

No additional fee is due for this Amendment because the number of independent claims remains unchanged and the total number of claims remains unchanged.

REMARKS

Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for his comments. Claims 1-42 are pending in the application.

The present invention is directed to a hook and loop insertion fastening system having a male component and a female component, wherein the male component can be inserted into a cavity in the female component with hook and loop fasteners located on the inner surface of the cavity of the female component and on a surface of the male component, thereby creating enhanced engagement qualities. This design reduces the likelihood of the fastener inadvertently popping open and, furthermore, provides a discrete appearance particularly when used in disposable garments such as diapers, training pants, feminine hygiene products, incontinence products, swimwear garments, medical garments, and the like.